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**GAS KILLS FOUR; SEVEN OVERCOME**  
 Eleven Victims of Fumes Within Last Twenty-four Hours  
**HEATER CAUSES DEATHS**  
 Men Left Stove Burning as They Took Nap in Haverford Avenue House

Escaping gas claimed eleven victims in the city in the last twenty-four hours. Four of those overcome are dead. The dead, all men, were found suffocated in a bedroom at 4063 Haverford avenue, yesterday. They are: James Higgins, fifty years old, of 3834 Lancaster street; William Schultz, thirty-three years old, of 4023 Haverford avenue; William Mara, fifty years old, of 4517 Laird street; Frank Goldson, forty-five years old, Parrish and Fifty-second streets. The entire family of Giuseppe Rotola was overcome in bed today at their home, 1835 South Canac street. The six members of the family overcome are: Giuseppe Rotola, forty-four years old, Nicoletta Rotola, thirty-one years old, his wife, and their four children, Giuseppe, eleven years; Grace, seven years; Sadie, five years, and Frank, three years old. Mrs. Allata Dorsey, thirty-seven years old, of 2136 Ellsworth street, was overcome in her kitchen this morning while cooking over a leaky gas stove.

**Left Gas Heater Burning**  
 According to an investigation by Detective Rosebro, of the Thirty-ninth street and Lancaster avenue station, Mara and Goldson came to the rooming house about 8 o'clock yesterday morning and went to the room used by Schultz. The men talked and smoked for several hours when they lay down to take a nap. One of the men had lit the small gas heater, as the room was cold, but when they went to sleep they left the gas burning. During the afternoon and while the men still slept, Mrs. Nolan noticed that her gas was not shut. She put a quarter into the meter and started the flow again, as she intended to cook dinner. In a short while she noticed a strong odor of gas coming from the upper part of the house and traced it to the room rented by Schultz. She tried the door but couldn't open it. She gained entrance with a pass key. The four, fully clad, were on the bed. The police investigation disclosed that the gas had run out throughout the house when Mrs. Nolan first noticed it. When she put a quarter into the meter she started the flow again while the jet in the room occupied by the four sleeping men was fully turned on.

**Neighbors Become Alarmed**  
 Neighbors of the Rotola family became alarmed when no one appeared this morning. The attention of Patrolman Lettlers, of the Third and Dickinson streets station, was called to the unusual quiet in the household. On investigation, Lettlers discovered the Rotola family in bed, unconscious, in a house filled with gas. He called a patrol and the victims were taken to St. Agnes's Hospital where physicians, after using the pulmotor, announced that they believed all will recover.

**RIOT ON TROLLEY CHARGED**  
 Knives and Guns Drawn When Conductor Refuses Transfer  
 A fight over the payment of trolley fare last night, at Thirty-fourth and Wharton streets, ended in a near riot and landed Joseph DeLapello, twenty-nine years old, of Eighth street near Christian, and Philip Grego, thirty-four years old, of League street, in jail. The two men will be given a hearing this morning, charged with aggravated assault and battery, with intent to kill and inciting to riot. The men boarded a car at Thirty-fourth and Wharton streets and immediately started an argument with the conductor, William Schmidtheiser, over payment of fare. They produced transfers which they said ought to be honored. It is alleged that DeLapello drew a knife and Grego a revolver, and chased the motorman and conductor from the car. They followed and some one inside the car closed the door. The car was crowded with passengers, who were thrown into a panic.

**THIRD FALL FATAL**  
 Michael Clement Dies After Tumbling Out of Bed  
 Michael Clement, eighty-nine years old, of 2618 South Sarslain street, died yesterday in the Methodist Hospital of internal injuries. He fell downstairs in his home recently and was taken to the hospital for treatment. According to his sister, Mrs. Harry Hlabov, with whom Mr. Clement lived, the aged man was recovering from his injuries until a few days ago, when he was taken to another part of the hospital for an X-ray examination. In moving down the corridor near an elevator shaft one of the attendants carrying Mr. Clement slipped and fell one story down the shaft, with Mr. Clement on top of him. Mr. Clement was then taken back to bed. He became delirious afterward, fell out of bed and his death followed.

**GIRL ATTEMPTS SUICIDE**  
 Refuses to Tell Doctors Why or How She Tried to End Life  
 Refusal of Winifred Fesslereto, sixteen years old, of Sears street above Sixth, to tell them what poison she took last night when she attempted to commit suicide, compelled physicians in the Mount Sinai Hospital to resort to various means to counteract the effects of the drug. The stomach pump and pulmotor were applied and the antidotes for various kinds of poisoning were given. The girl, however, maintained her silence and would not tell the physicians the drug she used or the reason for her act. She is in a serious condition. The girl had been on a visit to her sister in the country. She returned home yesterday. She ate little dinner, and her father, Pasquale Fesslereto, is said to have reprimanded her for refusing to eat more. She left the dining room, but returned soon and told her father that she had taken poison.

**PATROLMAN SHOT**  
 Negro Fires After Being Ordered to "Move On"  
 Because he was ordered to "move on" by Patrolman James Young, of the Thirty-ninth street and Lancaster avenue station, Howard Johns, a negro, shot Young in the breast. The patrolman is in the Presbyterian Hospital and under \$2000 bail for further hearing March 30 by Magistrate Harris. Johns shot Young at the corner of Forty-second street and Lancaster avenue early yesterday morning, when Young in whose room he had been arrested, told him to move. Johns refused, and when Young threatened to fire him, Johns drew a revolver and fired.

**INDEPENDENTS TO BEGIN FIGHT**  
 Forty-sixth Ward Dinner to Start Mayoralty Campaign  
 Forty-sixth Ward independents will fire the opening gun in the Mayoralty fight tonight at a dinner in the Hotel Adelphi. The dinner will be tendered to Town meeting party workers in the ward by the citizens committee of the ward, under its slogan "Philadelphia Redeemed." Effort will be made to get out a big registration for the September primary. Out of more than 20,000 assessed voters only half register as a rule. Speakers will be John C. Winston, George W. Coles, former Director of Public Safety, George D. Porter and Magistrate Carson will be among the speakers. John W. Haney is chairman of the committee.

**AFTER TAX DODGERS**  
 Jersey Constable Starts Out After Poll Levy Delinquents  
 Armed with fifty tax bills bearing the city seal, Constable William Reynolds and Deputy Clair Stetser, of Gloucester, started out today to arrest men who had not paid their poll tax. The laws of New Jersey provide that every man more than twenty-one years old must pay a poll tax of \$1 or be confined in jail until he does pay. The tax was to be paid by last September, but the time was extended until this month. Last week nearly 300 delinquents were warned that they must pay immediately the \$1 tax and fifty cents cost or be liable to arrest.

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 Labor Plentiful, Raw Material Cheaper, Outlook Uncertain, Says Bank  
**ANNOUNCE U. S. FINDINGS**  
 Lessened Demand for Many Products Caused Lower Prices, Is View

Wages are not being lowered generally in Philadelphia, although labor is plentiful and raw materials are costing less, according to the summary of a report made public by the Federal Reserve Board, in Washington, today. The summary was compiled by officials of the Philadelphia Federal Reserve district from answers to a questionnaire recently sent out to ascertain the extent of business and industrial development.

While most of the concerns report that the business outlook is uncertain, manufacturers and dealers generally have large stocks on hand and there is a lessened demand, with prices increasing in many cases. The present orders are for civilian business and an adequate supply of raw materials is available. No extensions to plants generally in the district are contemplated, according to the reports. The questions asked the manufacturers and dealers and their classified replies were as follows: Are the quantities of materials, supplies and goods as shown by your inventory larger than usual? Yes, 114; No, 129. Are they principally for war or civilian business? War work, 20; civilian business, 221. Have the prices of your product been lowered recently from the high prices prevailing during the war? Yes, 148; No, 93. Is labor more abundant? Yes, 236; No, 21. Is labor less restless? Yes, 147; No, 91. Is there less re-employment? Yes, 186; No, 62. Is labor more efficient? Yes, 90; No, 142. Has there been any lowering of wages? Yes, 17; No, 228. Are you paying less for raw materials? Yes, 131; No, 89. Is the supply adequate? Yes, 212; No, 16. Do you anticipate making any extensions or repairs to your plants in the near future which will necessitate the purchase of building materials or equipment? Yes, 42; No, 203. Have you a satisfactory amount of orders on hand? Yes, 81; No, 160. Most concerns reported the outlook uncertain.

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**COAL PROFITLESS, OPERATORS WAIL**  
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**VIEW OF INDEPENDENTS**  
 Attorney General Considers Invoking Anti-trust Law to Halt Boost

Seventy-five per cent of coal produced by members of the Anthracite Operators' Association, representing the independent miners, has been produced at "a severe loss," according to Alan C. Dodson, secretary of the association, who has advised Governor Sprout that the operators welcome the investigation planned by the Governor. The operators blame the high costs of labor and material in announcing their stand on the proposed per ton increase to consumer, scheduled to become effective May 1. It was intimated by officials in Harrisburg that the Sherman anti-trust law may be invoked by the state to prevent the increase. Attorney General Schaffer today is completing his report on the legal aspects of preventing the increase and expects to have it to Governor Sprout's hands tonight or early tomorrow. Members of the Philadelphia County committee of the Single Tax party yesterday adopted resolutions condemning the increase. The operators' letter to Governor Sprout follows: "The Anthracite Coal Operators' Association, representing the independent operators with a normal annual production of twenty-five million tons, welcomes your suggestion of an anthracite investigation. The cost investigation of Fuel authorities indicated that an increase of fifty cents per ton was justified by the 1918 conditions yet coal conditions since that time have steadily become worse until the maintenance of high labor and material prices with increased competition has resulted in a severe loss of at least 75 per cent of our membership's tonnage at a severe loss. ALAN C. DODSON, Secretary."

Attorney General Schaffer said last night the contentions set forth in the message from the operators would not in any manner effect the investigation of his office is conducting. He said the present inquiry would not go outside the legal phases of the question and had been initiated with the object of determining the possibility of restraining the increase by legal procedure.

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**WIDOW WOULD GIVE UP BABY FOR OTHER CHILDREN'S SAKE**  
 Woman Who Lost Husband in Influenza Epidemic Wants Some One to Give Her Louis a Good Home, So She Can Work in Bindery

In a dreary little first-floor apartment on Sears street, where the sun seldom reaches, there is a tiny baby boy wanting not only sunlight and air, but other natural things babies are entitled to. His big blue eyes solemnly survey his little world and seem to ask for a place that will be his very own home; for the love and care of a father and all the necessities of life that parents are supposed to give their children but his widowed mother is unable to give to him. Master Louis Ruggiano has been an inhabitant of Philadelphia for six weeks. He has a lot of soft, downy brown hair and there's something about his expression and his tiny clinging hands that reaches right into the heart and makes everyone love him. His mother says he is a handsome baby and is growing fast. "I hardly know what to do," said Mrs. Anna Ruggiano today, as she hugged at two other tangle-haired children at her knee. She was sitting in one of the small rooms of the small apartment, lighted even in daytime by a kerosene lamp. Her black hair was pushed back from a high forehead. A plaid shawl across her shoulders heightened the color in her pretty cheeks. "I've got to work at something, and I can't leave the house since the baby came," she said. "There's no one wants to take care of him, and I can't get work if I have to take a baby round with me. The other two," and she pointed to Michael, three years old, and James, just nearing his second year, "I could leave with mother. But she hasn't time to watch the baby and do her own work, too. "You see their father died last October with the influenza. The baby came after that. There hasn't been any money coming in, and it has been a pretty hard pull. I'd like to go back to work in the book bindery. I worked there before I was married. If some one with a good home would adopt Louis I could go to work."

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